



Scott Fairley Class of 2013

Scott Fairley came to Oroville when he was one year old and went to local schools from kindergarten through high school. He graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) in 1974 and in addition to being an outstanding three sport athlete, who earned twelve letters, was also named the Most Outstanding Male Senior Student.

He was the second LPHS athlete in school history to qualify for the State Track meet and the first LPHS athlete to qualify for the finals at the State Meet. As a senior, he also was Key Club Lieutenant Governor for Northern California.

Scott earned his bachelors degree from California State University Chico in 1978 where he competed on the track team all four years. As a junior and again as a senior, he qualified for the national championships in the pole vault. He still holds the third spot on the all-time pole vault list at CSUC and has served as an exemplary educator in the Anderson Union High School District for the past 30 years.

In 1983, Scott was hired as a teacher and coach in the Anderson Union High School District and is currently employed there. He has served with distinction in various capacities during his career, including English teacher, coach, athletic director, activities director and Northern Athletic League commissioner. He served on the State CIF Track and Cross Country Advisory Committee for six years and currently holds the positions of the Northern Section Championship Meet Director for cross country and track and field. He has hosted the Northern Section CIF championship meets in cross country since 1986 and in track and field since 1995.

He has received numerous honors in his district, league, section, and state, and was named the outstanding employee in the Anderson Union High School District in 2011. He is highly respected by his peers at West Valley High School (WVHS) and throughout the Northern Section and state of California.

In 2011, Scott was honored by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for its Distinguished Service Award, given annually to one educator in each of the ten CIF sections in the state. The award is given to men and women for significant and long-term contributions to the CIF. Each recipient must have served the state or local programs over a long and distinguished career and their accomplishments are worthy of statewide recognition. Scott was honored to receive the award.

Scott's track and field teams have won 144 league and section championships. He has developed many fine athletes and has taken 93 different competitors to the California State Championships. One of his female athletes went on to earn a berth on the United States Olympic team and competed the 800 meters in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games.

In 1986, Scott revived the Chico Invitational Track and Field Meet that ran for 17 years and just completed its 45th running. Scott moved the meet to the newly renovated Harrison Stadium in Oroville in 2012 and has been the meet director for the past 28 years. The meet is the largest invitational in the Northern Section and annually draws over 50 schools from California and Nevada. It is the top meet in the area.

Recently, a Redding newspaper referred to Scott the most successful coach of any sport in the Northern Section over the past 20 years.

With the advent of fully automatic timing in track, Scott became the pioneer in the Northern Section CIF. He is the guru of the NSCIF in this area and conducts training clinics throughout the north state. He is always on the cutting edge when it comes to innovations in track and field.

In addition to his accomplishments in athletics, Scott has led community fund raisers for the installation of an all-weather track at WVHS, coordinated canned food drives, blood drives, and Christmas visits by high school students to kindergarten classes in the Anderson area. He is also the coordinator for the Every 15 Minutes Drinking and Driving Education program in his district.

To this day, Scott is a highly respected teacher and coach at West Valley High School, the Northern Section and the State CIF.

He lives in Redding, CA with his wife Barbara and their two sons, Jordan and Ryan, who have each earned their degrees from California State University, Chico.